

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/2/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5, 7-, 9 are renumbered 1-6, respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 5/10/06.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 5/10/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provide by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Christine McCarthy on May 10, 2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

In figure 3, the label "IF" has been replaced by --- Interference (IF) ---.

In figure 3, the label "IS" has been replaced by --- Interference Celler ---.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 4 line 3, the limitation "the interference cancellation" has been replaced by --- interference cancellation ---.

In claim 4 line 4, the limitation "operation so many times as desired." Has been replaced by --- as many times as desired. ---.

In claim 5 line 3, the limitation "the output value" has been replaced by --- the output ---.

In claim 5 line 3, the limitation "the interference cancellation." has been replaced by --- interference cancellation. ---

In claim 7 line 17, the limitation "narrow-band interference signals from the received signal." has been replaced by --- narrow-band interference signals from the received signal, and wherein the interference cancellation means are arranged to excise the subspace components, which are stronger than a given threshold from the received signal to a desired level. ---.

In claim 9 line 1, the limitation "A receiver" has been replaced by --- The receiver ---.

Claim 8 has been canceled.

The above examiner's amendment was made to clarify the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 3, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of:
excising the subspace components that are stronger than a given threshold from the received signal to a desired level to generate an interference suppressed signal, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

Regarding claim 7, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of:
wherein the interference cancellation means are arranged to suppress the subspace components comprising narrow-band interference signals from the received signal, and

wherein the interference cancellation means are arranged to excise the subspace components, which are stronger than a given threshold from the received signal to a desired level, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3153. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00AM-4:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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